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a1 30 and the inner surface 32 of the belt are substantially flush across the seam. However, in this embodiment the tongue 24 includes a protrusion 38 that fits into a channel 40. The tongues 24 and 26 not only increase the seam's surface area, thus enabling the adhesive 22 to form a stronger seam, but the protrusion 38 and channel 40 add a mechanical impediment to seam separation. Of course, the increased seam area along the protrusion 38 also improves the strength of the seam.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 21 with amended claims 1 and 21 as follows:

a2 sub B17 1. (AMENDED) A seamless flexible electrostatographic imaging member belt fabrication method comprising:
providing a flexible substrate support sheet;
producing first desired features on a first portion of the substrate support sheet, including removing material from the substrate support sheet with first emissions;
producing second desired features on a second portion of the substrate support sheet complementary to the first desired features, including removing material from the substrate support sheet with second emissions;
overlapping the first and second desired features;
bonding the first desired pattern with the second desired pattern to produce a seamed belt;
and
applying at least one coating to the substrate support sheet.

a3 21. (AMENDED) A seamless flexible electrostatographic imaging member belt fabrication method comprising:
providing a flexible substrate support sheet;
producing first desired features on a first portion of the substrate support sheet, including removing material from the substrate support sheet with first emissions;

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producing second desired features on a second portion of the substrate support sheet complementary to the first desired features, including removing material from the substrate support sheet with second emissions;

removing material from the substrate with first and second emissions including inducing a desired shape in at least one of the first and second emissions by passing the at least one of the first and second emissions through at least one mask;

removing material from the substrate with first emissions further including inducing relative motion between the laser beam and the substrate support sheet;

overlapping the first and second desired features;

bonding the first desired features with the second desired features to produce a substantially seamless belt; and

applying at least one coating to the substrate support sheet, the at least one coating including a photoconductive coating.